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OVERSEAS TICKER

SINGAPORE

Though the *Tillman Durdins* of the New York Times are en route to the States for a rest, and UP has yet to replace *Gene Symonds*, there are still plenty of foreign correspondents here: *Dwight Martin* and *Donald M. Wilson* of Time-Life; *James G. Robinson* of NBC; *Ronald Stead* of the Christian Science Monitor; *Larry Allan* and *O.W. Clements* of AP, and myself, representing Spadea Syndicate, Inc. Other American newsmen in town include three girls, *Christine Diemer* on the Chinese-owned Singapore Standard; *Adelaide Eastley* of British-run Free Press; and *Eleanor L. Thompson*, of Agence France Press.

— from *Edward Hunter*

MEXICO CITY

Jack and Evelyn Kearney, of McGraw-Hill World News, announce the arrival of *Susan Ruth* on Oct. 8. *Bob Benjamin* of Vision back from a two-day flying trip to New York, while *Pepe Romero*, popular columnist of the Mexico City News is in New York to see his publisher, Putman. Rumor has it that *Pepe*, author of "Mexican Jumping Bean" is at work on another book. All newsmen busy with the floods at Tampico, but NBC's *Gustavo Verdayes* was first out of the area with pictures of the devastation. The Foreign Correspondent Association's private dining room at the Passy Restaurant has been decorated with the mastheads of the publications represented by the members

CARACAS

The Caracas Journal, English language bi-weekly, which recently celebrated its tenth anniversary by winning honorary mention in the Venezuelan Education Ministry's annual journalism prize, becomes a daily this month. Editor *Jules Waldman* will assume the title of publisher and the new editor will be *Morris Rosenberg*, who has handled the AP string assignment here for several years. He will be assisted by *Hal Horan*, formerly of Time and the Hearst organization.

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Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, center, chats with Eduardo Santos, former president of Colombia, and Louis P. Lochner, Club president, as they met at the two-day conference on News, Knowledge and Freedom.

FREEDOM CONFERENCE RESOUNDING SUCCESS; THREE EX-PRESIDENTS SPEAK

Club Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 18 — Open House for 50 French and Swiss newsmen and editors visiting New York en route to Montreal for an international congress of French-language journalists. Cocktails 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18 — Julie Whitney at the piano. 9 to 11 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Luncheon. Speaker: Sen. Estes Kefauver who will discuss his Russian and European trip from which he will have returned one day before his appearance. 12:30 noon.

Monday, Oct. 31 — Semi-Annual meeting of Members of the OPC. Dinner reservations can be made in advance to precede the meeting. 8 p.m. sharp.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 — Austrian dinner, in celebration of Austria's independence. Ambassador and Mrs. Gruber, guests of honor. Dinner and cocktails. Reservations with prepayment required. (See page 2)

A capacity audience filled the Club quarters this week as the Assembly on News, Knowledge and Freedom in the Americas in a two-day session heard a score of eminent spokesmen discuss the issues facing the Americas.

Three former presidents of three American Republics were among those who were heard the opening day. Altogether, the speakers constituted a remarkable gathering of the foremost authorities on hemispheric problems.

Dr. Eduardo Santos, former publisher of *El Tiempo* of Bogota and ex-president of Colombia, made a brilliant opening address in which he observed that many observers are mistaken in thinking South American countries cannot achieve democracy, as Columbia had a functioning democratic government for many years, but lost it to army dictatorship. Governments make many mistakes, he said, but the people eventually will prevail and they are soundly democratic in their feelings and their thought.

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Nichols Publisher of This Week

William I. Nichols has been named publisher of This Week magazine. He formerly was editor of the same publication.

Washington Wire

Jessie Stearns reports from the nation's Capitol that *May Craig* is off on a six-week flying trip that will take her through Central and South America and back through the West Indies. *Art Holzman*, assistant general counsel, U.S. Air Force, is on a fortnightly temporary duty jaunt taking him through the Middle East to Europe. *Walter Ridder*, Ridder News Bureau, has returned from a three month reporting assignment to Toko, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Jakarta and Singapore.

Jerry Hannifin has returned to duty with the Washington Bureau of Time-Life after a quick trip to Argentina for the lead story in the current issue on Argentina. *Barry Bishop, Jr.*, whose father is press chief for the Latin American Area of the U.S.I.A., underwent surgery last week as a result of complications from polio. He's still an iron-lung patient, but is at home with his parents.

NEW CLUB REGULATIONS FOR RESERVATIONS

The regular regional dinners, which have become major functions of the Club and are successful both socially and financially, have experienced some troubles in reservation and seating arrangements, according to *Larry Blochman*, the chairman of the Hospitality Committee. He appointed a sub-committee consisting of *Joseph C. Peters*, chairman, *Dorothy Oumansky*, *Will Oursler*, *DeWitt Davidson*, *Robert Black*, and *Larry Blochman* (ex-officio), which met on October 10. After a lengthy consideration of the various problems, it adopted the following rules:

- Tickets for the regional dinners will be sold in advance. Members can pay for the tickets either by mail or in person. Tickets will be mailed or can be picked up. **NO RESERVATIONS WITHOUT PREPAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED.** (Tickets are \$3 per person, limited to one guest to each member).

- Money will be refunded to members returning their tickets 48 hours before the date of the event.

- Tables in the dining room will be prominently numbered and seating will be arranged by a special seating committee (*Dorothy Oumansky, Robert Black*).

- Members desiring to sit together with another member at the same table should order their tickets together.

- All members of the Hospitality Committee will wear badges and will be assigned to definite posts to assure proper functioning of all operations. *Will Oursler* will be in charge of the stage and lighting arrangements.

- With the installation of the PA system throughout the building, attempts will be made to seat the overflow subscribers in the bar and other rooms of the Club.

IDEAS ON BROADENING CLUB

John Barkham, chairman of the special projects committee, asks that members who have ideas on expanding the scope of the OPC activities be sent to him. His committee hopes to present its proposals to the Board of Governors shortly.

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A gala cocktail party in honor of Helen Hayes, was held at the Club last week. Just before this social event, commentator and former OPC president, Lowell Thomas, conducted his regular news broadcast over CBS from the library of the Club. Miss Hayes, who is president of the American Theater Wing currently, presented as her guest Louis Simon, director of the group. Club president Louis Lochner looks on as Miss Hayes tells of the prize-winning recent European tour of "The Skin of Our Teeth."

ORIGINS OF THE CORRESPONDENTS FUND

by Ruth Lloyd

(Continued from last week)

Members of the Overseas Press Club now are housed in a handsome five-story building owned by the Correspondents Fund.

As of three years ago, the OPC had a membership of less than 700. Today the total nears 1500. But less than a handful have the remotest idea of how the Correspondents Fund came into existence or what its precise relation is to its parent organization, the Overseas Press Club.

To find out, I went to current and former officers of the Fund. Most of them were vague on historical facts but Lucian Kirtland, original treasurer, supplied some little known background to explain how the Fund was set up in the beginning.

In 1942 (only 200 members then) the Overseas Press Club decided to set aside proceeds from a Noel Coward benefit, "In which We Serve", for emergency help to foreign correspondents who needed it. The benefit netted \$9000, the first real chunk of cash in the modest coffers of the OPC.

"There was unanimity of opinion that it should be segregated, and devoted to relief of emergency cases," Kirtland recalled. "But there were differences of opinion as to how the money should be safeguarded and how a correspondents fund should be set up.

"The Board of Governors had to decide. Some advocated that the Board retain control and administer the fund through a committee. Others pointed out that a mere declaration of the sanctity of the fund would serve as a legal pro-

tection if the Club retained the money in its own treasury should, for example, creditors file future claims.

"Another vexing point was in the legal area: could the Club make grants to its own members? This is a complicated matter of law, including the question of tax exemption.

"The Board set up a committee of ten: Lowell Thomas, Roy Howard, William L. Shirer, Ralph J. Frantz, Paul Harvey, Waverley L. Root, Wythe Williams, Burnet Hershey, H.V. Kaltenborn and myself.

"Any interested club members also could take part in the discussions at the Lotos Club, where the OPC then had makeshift headquarters. Sifting of the mooted points resulted in these decisions:

"That the C.F. should be a corporation of separate entity; that, while recognizing the need for the utmost cooperation with the Club, the actions of the Fund must be independent of supervision or dictation by the Board of Governors of the OPC;

"That under terms of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of N.Y. the members of the Correspondents Fund would be solely responsible to the Atty. Gen. of the State of N.Y. for their actions;

"That no officer or member of the Correspondents Fund would be eligible for a grant from the fund; that the capital amount should be increased in strict conformity with laws regulating solicitations;

"Legal advice was that the foregoing resolutions had to be passed before the

Freedom Conference (Cont'd from p. 1)

Dr. Jovito Villalba, former president of Venezuela, and Galo Plaza, former president of Ecuador, also spoke at the opening session.

Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz opened the meeting by observing that the Pan-American system has been in existence for some 70 years, but it has not been able to curb the excesses of those bent on destroying freedom in the Americas. He said "we come to the inevitable question — what more, if anything, can we do?" and this was the *raison d'être* of the conclave.

President Louis Lochner, in welcoming delegates to the meeting, and to the OPC, said that, in viewing the list of speakers and participants, "our fondest hopes have been fulfilled."

A.A. Berle, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of State, took the Latin-American group to task for having played some part in provoking the current French walkout at the United Nations and said they may have departed from their own wishes to have no interference in their own internal affairs. He noted this as an example of the role American nations are playing in peace-keeping among the nations of the world.

Other participants in the conference included Joseph L. Jones, of the UP; Carlos Mantilla, former Quito editor; Dr. German Arciniegas, former editor of *El Tiempo* of Bogota; Herbert Matthews, of the New York Times; Spruille Braden, ex-assistant Secretary of State; and Andrew Heiskel, publisher of Life.

Virginia Prewett Mizelle, vice chairman of the OPC Inter-American Affairs Committee, was in charge of arrangements for the club.

Atty. Gen. would act favorably upon a petition for a Certificate of Incorporation.

"After the petition was accepted and the CF came into actual existence, a Constitution, with by-laws, was adopted. It defined duties of officers, specified annual meeting dates, and provided for amendments to meet future contingencies. It has been several times amended, and probably will be further amended to meet changing conditions."

Specific ways in which the Fund meets emergency needs will be detailed in the final article on origins of the fund in next week's Bulletin.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE

Leonard Berkowe; news editor, Worldwide Press Service; copy editor, Armed Forces Press Service from June 1948 to June 1950. Proposed by *Arthur Fletcher*; seconded by *A.C. Brackman*.

Ralph Richmond Hotchkiss; Compton Adv. Inc.; 1924 to 1940, Associate news editor, Standard & Poors "Daily Corporation News"; 1940 to 1943 chief, News Branch, Office of Price Administration; 1943 to 1945 US Army, Press-Radio Officer, Allied Military Govt., AFHQ Algiers; News Editor OWI, Algiers and Naples. Proposed by *J.C. Dine*; seconded by *Allan H. Kalmus*.

Albion Ross; New York Times since 1934 (Berlin from June 1934 to June 1938, Central Europe Jan. 1946 to Dec. 1948, Middle East from January 1949 to January 1953; Southern Africa from Jan. 1953 to Oct. 1954, Germany Oct. 1954 to May 1955); New York Evening Post and Public Ledger Service Berlin April 1931 to June 1934; San Francisco Chronicle from June 1938 to December 1941. Proposed by *Herbert L. Matthews*; seconded by *Otto D. Tolischus*.

Harrison E. Salisbury; New York Times (Moscow from Jan. 1949 to Sept. 1954 - London, Moscow from January 1943 to Oct. 1944). Proposed by *A. Wilfred May*, seconded by *Emanuel R. Freedman*. Marion Fleisher Wasserman; from 1920 to 1923, social news editor, columnist, reporter, Japan Advertiser; Asia Maga-

zine, The Public Ledger. Proposed by *A. Wilfred May*; seconded by *Esther M. Crane*.

Pierre Villere; Bauerlein Adv. Inc.; United Press, New York Bureau from Jan. 1940 to Sept. 1941, South American Bureau from Sept. 1941 to August 1943. Proposed by *Marion C. Mc Carroll*; seconded by *Joan O'Sullivan*.

ASSOCIATE

Mary Elizabeth Barber; Life magazine since 1945; U.S. Department of State, press relations office from June 1943 to Nov. 1945. Proposed by *William P. Gray*; seconded by *David B. Dreiman*.

Nuri Eren; director, Turkish Information Office; Tan (Turkish Daily) Istanbul, Turkey from 1934 to 1937; Aksam (Turkish Daily) Istanbul, Turkey from 1937 to 1939; British and American Desks of Department of Foreign Trade from 1939 to 1943; press attache to Turkish Embassy in London, England from 1945 to 1949. Proposed by *Seymour Berkson*; seconded by *Bob Considine*.

Edward E. Fitzgerald; editor-in-chief Saga Magazine, Sport Magazine since 1946. Did articles from Pacific theater for Esquire, This Week, New York Times Magazine during overseas in wartime from March 1944 to Dec. 1945. Proposed by *Bruce Jacobs*; seconded by *Paul Gardner*.

John Randall Owen; McGraw Hill, Engineering News-Record; New York Times from Nov. 1937 to Dec. 1940. Army Corps of Engrs. from Jan. 1941 to April

1946; some Sunday feature work for Times Sunday Supplement, E.T.O. and Philippines and Japan. Proposed by *Wythe Williams*; seconded by *Robert H. Knight*.

Leo Widlicka; news editor, System Public Relations, Pan American Airways; NY Herald Tribune from 1937 to 1954; (assigned to Dominican republic from May to June 1953 for special Section). Proposed by *Ansel E. Talbert*; seconded by *John A. Creedy*.

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

ACTIVE

David Berger, Voice of America.

Marguerite Cartwright, New York Amsterdam News.

Paul Curtis Dreiske, Young & Rubican, Inc.

Frank L. Mace, Newsweek Intl & Domestic.

Muriel Reger, Religious News Service.

ASSOCIATE

William D. Cole, free lance.

Joseph Hevesi, US Steel Corp.

Charles G. Ilka, United Nations-Field Service Section.

Robt. Douglas Russell, Herbey-Roy Corp.

Overseas Ticker (Cont'd from page 1)

Among American newsmen passing through recently have been *John Scott*, assistant to the publisher of Time; *Hank Bosemberg*, Vision's representative in Bagota; *Henry LaCossitt*, well-known writer and editor, and Mrs. LaCossitt; *Ray Brady*, associate editor of Forbe's magazine, and *Duncan Aikman*, of Collier's.

- from E.A. Bauman



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